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# VESSEL EFFECTS

## A WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PUGET SOUND KILLER WHALES

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*Seattle Aquarium*



# Introduction

- At the May 31, 2003 kickoff meeting NOAA Fisheries highlighted some of the vessel issues identified as potential factors affecting the status of killer whales.
- Opportunity to sign up for topic-specific workshops



# Ideas for Improving the Current Condition

- Kickoff participants suggested measures to improve the current condition.
- Invited participants have broad representation and include industry as well agencies that have regulatory roles.



# Take Action

- MMPA requires the Conservation Plans contain site specific management actions and cost estimates for implementation.
- In addition to research, participants encouraged funding for action that could be implemented now.



# Framing the Discussion

- Presenters will give information from various perspectives.
- Workgroups develop strategy statements.
- Group discussion of strategy statements to explore feasibility, identify implementing agencies or identify short term projects to implement now.
- Agency/Industry/Organization representatives can provide links to ongoing programs.



# Things to Consider

- Participants identified a number of areas to explore.
- Consider the current condition and what we know.
- Document questions or data gaps, but don't try to solve them.
- Develop ideas that foster community ownership of the outcome.



# Goals

- Obtain management action ideas for consideration in the Conservation Plan and identify action agencies to assist in developing projects and cost estimates.
- Identify initiatives for improving the current condition that will create synergistic partnerships and promote community ownership of outcomes.







# Next Steps and Upcoming Workshops



# Next Steps

- E-mail notification when workshop notes posted
- Prey workshop April 19, 2004



# Conservation Planning Timeline

- Depleted Designation and Kickoff Meeting May 2003
- Process contracts for conservation efforts  
and planning (see web page) Summer/Fall 2003
- Contaminants and Pollution Workshop October 24, 2003
- Vessel Effects Workshop March 22, 2004
- Prey Availability Workshop April 19, 2004
- Defining Conservation Spring 2004
- Update on Conservation Plan Progress  
Public meeting June 2004
- Draft Conservation Plan December 2004



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# Thank you

